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1. DURING THE CONVERSATION WITH RAFAEL BELLO ANDINO REPORTED REFTTEL, THE SUBJECT TURNED TO THE GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION AND ITS FUTURE. BELLO SAID THAT MUCH DEPENDED UPON THE ATTITUDE OF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION, ESPECIALLY THE SANTIAGO ACCORD. HE REGARDED IT AS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE OPPOSITION PARTICIPATE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE NEXT GOVERNMENT. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY AS TO WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE SERIOUS OVERTURES TO THE OPPOSITION, HE SAID THAT SOME CONTACT HAD BEEN MADE BY LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS ON A PERSONAL BASIS. NOW THAT THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMITTEE (JCE) HAD FORMALLY DECLARED BALAGUER THE WINNER, A VIGOROUS PROGRAM OF CONVERSATION WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE OPPOSITION. HE THOUGHT THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS MIGHT WELL CONTINUE RIGHT UP UNTIL THE AUGUST 16 INAUGURATION. SHOULD THESE CONVERSATIONS FAIL TO INDUCE THE OPPOSITION TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED, HE ENVISIONED THAT THE COUNTRY WOULD POLARIZE POLITICALLY WITH THE RADICAL ELEMENTS CAPTURING OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP AND WITH THE MODERATE OPPOSITION ELEMENTS LEFT WITH NOWHERE TO GO. IT WAS THIS SPECTER, HE SAID, COMBINED WITH BALAGUER'S DESIRE TO GOVERN WITH AS BROAD A BASE AS POSSIBLE THAT MOTIVATED THE STRONG EFFORTS THEY PLANNED TO ENLIST OPPOSITION SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION.

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